

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A sunroof structure comprising:

lid sliding rails respectively formed on left and right sides of a roof opening in such a way as to extend in a longitudinal direction so as to guide sunroof lids; and

shade sliding rails respectively formed on the left and right sides of the roof opening in such a manner as to extend in said direction,

wherein both of said lid and shade sliding rails are respectively and separately formed on different loci from one another according to claim 2, wherein:

~~the sliding rail has~~ a height position of the lid sliding rail is lower than that of the shade sliding rail at least at one of front and rear end sides thereof, and

the lid sliding rail has a height position at a central portion in said longitudinal direction nearly equal to or higher than that of the shade sliding rail.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A sunroof structure comprising:

lid sliding rails respectively formed on left and right sides of a roof opening in such a way as to extend in a longitudinal direction so as to guide sunroof lids; and

shade sliding rails respectively formed on the left and right sides of the roof opening in such a manner as to extend in said direction,

wherein both of said lid and shade sliding rails are respectively and separately formed according to claim 1, wherein:

said height position of the lid sliding rail is lower than that of the shade lid-sliding rail at a front end side of each of the sliding rails, and

a front end side of the lid sliding rail is placed under a laterally extending drain groove portion extending laterally at a front edge side of the roof opening.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The sunroof structure according to claim 5, wherein:

the sunroof lid comprises:~~has:~~

a front lid being turnable around a front end thereof and a rear lid being slidable in the longitudinal direction in such a manner that the front lid and the rear lid are connected each other; and

a lid drive member engaged with the lid sliding rails in such a way as to be movable in the longitudinal direction for driving the front lid through a drive mechanism connected to the front lid at a front side of each of the lid sliding rails and for engaging with the rear lid at a rear side of each of the lid sliding rails so as to thereby drive the rear lid; and

at least a part of the drive mechanism disposed under the laterally extending drain groove portion.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The sunroof structure according to claim 14, wherein: further comprising a lid forming member

~~a longitudinally extending drain groove extending in the longitudinal direction in each of both left and right edge sides of the roof and in which a longitudinally extending drain groove and the lid sliding rail are formed~~ opening are formed in each of the lid forming member.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The sunroof structure according to claim ~~14~~, wherein each of the lids is a turning type.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The sunroof structure according to claim ~~14~~, wherein each of the lids is a sliding type.

Claim 10 (New): The sunroof structure according to claim 5, further comprising a lid forming member extending in the longitudinal direction in each of left and right edge sides of the roof and in which a longitudinally extending drain groove and the lid sliding rail are formed.

Claim 11 (New): The sunroof structure according to claim 5, wherein each of the lids is a turning type.

Claim 12 (New): The sunroof structure according to claim 5, wherein each of the lids is a sliding type.